

County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 90th Anniversary.

The Wayne Public Library was established in December, 1922, after a discussion during a meeting of the Mountain View Parent Teacher Association with Mrs. Grace Freeman, who would become the President. The issue of the need for a public library was raised, and fund-raising efforts began. By June of 1923, after canvassing the neighborhood and hosting a tag day, \$1,500 was raised, and 200 books donated. Due to these efforts, on July 24, 1923, the new Mountain View Library and Preakness Library officially opened.

As Wayne grew, and the collections of the libraries increased, regulation and further organization was needed. In 1947, the citizens of the Township of Wayne voted to establish an "American Free Public Library, governed by state laws which provided for a seven member Board of Trustees including the mayor of the town and the Superintendent of Schools." This governing body of the library systems in Wayne still operates today.

This Board of Trustees and a Library Improvement Association recognized the need for additional space to accommodate the collections, as well as to provide other locations to better serve Wayne residents. On November 6, 1962, they were able to facilitate the passing of a referendum to provide funds for a new central library building. They acquired a lot on Nellis Drive, next to the Town Hall, which allowed for an 11,000 square foot library, and on February 8, 1964, the groundbreaking and building began. A few years later, in 1967, a bookmobile was purchased to serve the Wayne neighborhoods. This held approximately 4,000 books, and was in service for nearly twenty years.

Over the next fifteen years, the three branches of the Wayne libraries underwent changes to further accommodate the residents and expanding collections. With the main library crowded with over 700,000 volumes, in 1972, an extra 16,000 square feet were added. The new Preakness Branch was completed six years later, and in 1980, the Mountain View Branch was also renovated, though it would close twelve years later. In the latter 1990s, the Wayne Public Library was remodeled, and held its grand opening on June 11, 2000.

The Wayne Public Library branches are home to a variety of programs. Their spacious meeting rooms are used for a variety of purposes, including music, tutoring, and reading programs, as well as presentations and groups for children and young adults. For adults, book discussion groups, computer, English language, art classes, and writing groups are all available. The meeting rooms are also used by other groups, such as the annual ballet performance for children by the McKenna School of Dance. The Wayne Public Library also hosts movie nights and viewings for all three age groups at both locations. The library offers to display artwork from the Township of Wayne as well.

The celebration of the Wayne Public Library's 90th Anniversary, on April 20, 2013, includes a Wine Tasting and Art Auction Event, featuring hors d'oeuvres, desserts, door prizes, a raffle, and live music. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Wayne Public Library.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Wayne Public

Library as they celebrate their 90th Anniversary.

CELEBRATING FLORENCE
"FLOSSY" KEESELY'S 99TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Florence "Flossy" Keesely of Boca Raton, Florida, who turns 99 years old today.

Flossy is a vibrant and active member of our community. In addition to her work championing the arts in Boca Raton, she is active in many local charities.

She is truly an exceptional woman who I am proud to represent in Florida's 22nd District. I know I join with her friends and family in celebrating this wonderful milestone. I wish her good health and continued success in the coming year.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH WILKESBORO LIONS CLUB

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, on April 5, 1938, the North Wilkesboro Lions Club was chartered in North Carolina.

Tomorrow members of the club, including charter member Blair Gwyn, will celebrate their 75th anniversary as an organization committed to the service of those in need.

For years, the North Wilkesboro Lions, like Lions Clubs International, have devoted themselves to combating the problem of blindness. The Record of Wilkes notes that our North Wilkesboro's Lions chapter provides eye exams and glasses to the less fortunate, helps support Camp Dogwood—a Lake Norman summer camp for the visually impaired, sponsors a leader dogs program, and, in addition, runs an annual book drive for literacy in Wilkes County.

North Wilkesboro's Lions work to raise funds to support the blind through annual broom sales, the Apple Festival's White Cane Drive, food sales at Merle Fest, and regular dues and donations from members.

For seventy-five years, North Wilkesboro has been served by the contributions of its Lions Club. I congratulate each North Wilkesboro Lions Club Member on this monumental anniversary.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF ROBERT "BOB" JESSOP BEER

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to honor the legacy of Robert "Bob" Jessop Beer. Born on August 8, 1943 to Harry L. and

Lucille Jessop Beer, Robert is a lifelong Hoosier, proud family man, entrepreneur, and soldier whose contributions have made a positive impact on the Milford Community.

In 1962, Robert graduated from Warsaw High School and proudly served his country as a U.S. Army Reservist from 1964–1970. He married his beautiful wife, Jacquelyn Craft, on September 11, 1965, and together had eight lovely children. Robert's entrepreneurial spirit led him to be the President and CEO of his business, Beer's & Jessop's Company, Inc., where he worked for many years.

Robert's contributions stemmed far beyond his immediate family and business, his presence was well-known to many Hoosiers in the community. For more than 40 years, Robert served as the precinct committeeman for Van Buren Township and was the Chairman of the Kosciusko County Board of Zoning Appeals. Along with his civic duties, Robert was a past patron of the Kosciusko Chapter 169 order of the Eastern Star and a member of Kosciusko Masonic Lodge 418 F&AM.

Robert leaves behind an incredible legacy that will surely live on to inspire many Hoosiers in the community to lend a hand in the community and help others. His family, including his wife, Jacquelyn, children, and grandchildren will remain in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

I am honored to recognize the life of Robert 'Bob' Jessop Beer and extend my deepest sympathies to his loved ones. Joining Hoosiers across the State, we mourn his loss and remember the leadership that will continue motivating us all to serve our communities.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH A. MCINERNEY

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Joseph A. McInerney, president and CEO of the American Hotel & Lodging Association (AH&LA), on the occasion of his departure after 12 years as head of the association.

The lodging industry is a key driver of our Nation's economy, employing 1.8 million men and women in hotels, inns, and resorts in all 50 States, and generating \$137.5 billion in annual sales. In my home State of Alabama, the industry is responsible for more than 21,000 jobs and \$654.9 million in employee wages. As head of the one trade association representing all interests of hoteliers, Joe has been a vocal advocate and leader for the policies and initiatives that have brought a renewed strength to lodging since the economic downturn of 2008.

Beginning in 1961 with his first job at the Sheraton Chicago, he quickly moved up the ranks before being transferred to the franchise division of Sheraton as regional director of operations in 1966. Three years later, he moved to Winston Salem, North Carolina, to be general manager of the Sheraton Inn. In 1970, he was named vice president, assistant to the president of the franchise division, and continued to move up until being appointed president of ITT's Sheraton franchise division in 1980.

After 25 years with Sheraton, he rose to the position of president and CEO for the soon-to-be-launched Hawthorn Suites. His next industry position came in 1991, when he was named him president and CEO of Travelodge and then president and CEO of Forte Hotels in 1992, before becoming chairman in 1995. Just before coming to AH&LA in 2001, he served as president and CEO of the Pacific Asia Travel Association and was responsible for moving the organization's headquarters from San Francisco to Bangkok.

With more than 50 years in the industry, Joe has seen countless innovations and changes—many of which he created and implemented. He is widely recognized for having revolutionized the franchise concept for Sheraton and popularizing the suite concept for Hawthorn Suites. He has also been responsible for the creation of new initiatives to encourage and recognize the diversity in the industry, including the Under 30 Gateway, a group comprised of young, up-and-coming hoteliers; Women in Lodging, made up of leading women CEOs, high-ranking executives, and employees in lodging; and the promotion of student chapters at colleges and universities across the country.

An honors graduate of Boston College, Joe has earned the designation of Certified Hotel Administration from the American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute. He has been recognized with numerous industry awards, including the first 2012 Founding Member award from DePaul University College of Commerce School of Hospitality Leadership; induction into the 2010 University of Houston's Hospitality Hall of Honors; induction into the 2010 Massachusetts Lodging Association Hall of Fame; the 2009 J. Patrick Leahy Lifetime Achievement Award from the Illinois Hotel and Lodging Association; the 2007 "Above and Beyond Award" at The Lodging Conference; the "Tourism Man of the Year" award from the Pacific Area Travel Writers Association; the 1999 Stephen Brener, Silver Plate Lifetime Achievement Award from Hospitality Magazine; the 1998 Pacific/Asia Person of the Year from Travel Agent Magazine; and the 1994 Economy Lodging's "Person of the Year."

Mr. Speaker, I join with Joe's many friends and colleagues, in Alabama and across the country, in celebrating his long and successful career and thanking him for his leadership, foresight, and commitment to the lodging industry. I know his family—his wife, Ruth, his children, Joe and Susan, their spouses, Robin and Ken, and his five grandchildren, Elizabeth, Colin, Weston, Finn, and Calla—are particularly proud of him and all he has accomplished and look forward to being able to spend more time with him in the weeks and months ahead.

HONORING MARILYN MICHELINI

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the long and distinguished career of Marilyn Michelini. For more than 24 years, Marilyn has served the Montgomery community with great devotion and integrity. Through more than 30 years of professional experience in public service, Marilyn has proven herself to

be a staunch advocate for the people whom she represents.

After 12 years in office, Marilyn will serve her last day as the Mayor of Montgomery, Illinois on Monday, May 13. When first elected, she represented a little more than 5,000 constituents. As we stand here today, that number has grown to more than 18,000. Under her leadership, the Village of Montgomery undertook projects to widen Orchard Road, Route 30 and the construction of a new Village Hall.

Marilyn started her political career in 1982 when she agreed to complete the remaining 2½-year term of a retiring board member on the Kane County Board. Five years later, she became the first woman to be elected to the Board of Trustees for the Village of Montgomery, where she earned the reputation of always "doing her homework." In 2001, Marilyn was elected as Village President, a position that would allow her to utilize her professional experience to best serve the people of this rapidly changing village.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Marilyn Michelini and her service to the constituents of Montgomery, Illinois. There are some people you meet and know instantly that they are trying to leave their community and this world a better place. Marilyn is one of these people. I am humbled by her commitment, and I wish her the best of luck in her well-deserved retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF FIRE CHIEF
RAY MILLER

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ray Miller, who has served as a volunteer member of the Dundee Fire Department for 58 years. Mr. Miller has completed seven terms as fire chief, during which he has demonstrated unequivocal dedication to the fire service and the entire Dundee community.

In recognition of Mr. Miller's service to the fire department, he has been honored with the Dundee Fire Department's Fireman of the Year Award six times. Mr. Miller also received the Yates County Roger A. Ribble Memorial Award in 1998 for his "dedication to the fire service, embracing its traditions, and training its future members."

It is evident that Mr. Miller leads by example. Year after year, he leads the fire department in number of responses, ambulance calls, and extra work details. He provides an example for other members to follow, and inspires younger members to train and perform to the best of their abilities. Mr. Miller is well-known and respected throughout the community, and he is held in the highest regard by his fellow firemen. Anyone who knows Mr. Miller will attest to his character, work ethic, and countless contributions to the community.

I am proud to recognize Ray Miller for his dedication to the fire department, and the invaluable contributions that he has made to the Dundee community over the past 58 years. It is a privilege to have a man of Mr. Miller's reputation in my district and I am honored to have this opportunity to recognize him today.

RECOGNIZING CHILD ABUSE
PREVENTION MONTH

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following.

Whereas, National Child Abuse Prevention Month will be recognized throughout the United States during the month of April, 2013; and

Whereas, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

Whereas, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope; and

Whereas, during periods of economic challenges, families feel more vulnerable, and as a result, child abuse and neglect increases drastically; and

Whereas, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the needed support to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

Whereas, child abuse is considered to be one of our nation's most serious public health problems with scientific studies documenting the link between the abuse and the neglect of children and a wide range of medical, emotional, psychological and behavioral disorders; and

Whereas, all citizens should become involved in supporting families in raising their children in a safe and nurturing environment; and

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among state and local government agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

As the representative of all the people of the sixth Congressional District of Kentucky and the former Board Chair of Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky, be it resolved that the month of April, 2013 is Child Abuse Prevention Month. I urge all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our effort to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening our community.

HONORING DR. GILEY GRIFFIN

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Giley Nixon Griffin, a distinguished leader in my community and good friend. Dr. Griffin is a pillar of the Dallas community and has devoted her life and work to educating and mentoring others. Dr. Griffin and I worked together with Jack and Jill of America, a nationwide organization with over 220 chapters in 35 states and the District of Columbia that works to provide social, cultural, and educational opportunities for young people. Dr. Griffin's greatest joy